

To Vote an Absentee Ballot – Stow Annual Election

You may vote absentee if you:

- * will not be in Stow between 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day;**
- * a physical disability prevents the voter from going to the polling place;**
- * or religious belief.**

What voter must do:

1. Fill out the Absentee Ballot Application available at the Town Clerk's office or online at <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howabs.htm>

The application must be received by the Board of Registrars of Voters/Town Clerk by noon on Monday, May 8th in order to vote absentee in the annual election.

2. An absentee ballot will be mailed to you or you may make arrangements to vote in the Town Clerk's Office once the application is received by the Town Clerk.

Be sure to allow enough time for the absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter and for the absentee ballot to be returned to the Town Clerk's office before the polls close on May 9th.

Reminder: An absentee voter must fall into one of the allowable categories in order to vote absentee. Illegal absentee voting, including making a false application, is punishable by a fine up to \$10,000 and additional penalties.

Suggestion from the Town Clerk:

Don't wait until the last minute. Send the application as soon as you know you will be out of town during polling hours on election day to avoid any delays in receiving and returning the ballot.